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She Wouldn't.

Complaint has been made against Mrs. George Love of Owosso township for failing and refusing on request of an officer to comply with the traffic ordinance of the city of Owosso, the officer stating that she declared she would drive where she pleased.

Escaped Being Killed.

Geo. E. Crandell of Vernon township, will hereafter be a little more careful about trying to cross railroad tracks ahead of trains. He made the endeavor last week with the result that a C. S. & M. train reduced his buggy to kindling wood, killed one of his horses and injured him so that it will be weeks before he will get about.

General Motors Officials Here.

President W. S. Neal of Detroit, J. J. Starnon of Boston, E. W. Clark, Joseph Boyer, S. Backus, Secretary, Harry L. Barton, T. Lyons, engineer, of Detroit and H. K. Noyes of Boston, officers and directors of the General Motors Co., were in Owosso, Sunday inspecting the Reliance Motor Truck Factory.

Much Whistle, Little Fire

The fire alarm whistle was blown Sunday for a fire at the home of Claude Quigley on Comstock street, which was quickly extinguished. The alarm box was not working properly and twice repeated the alarm but did not show the correct number and the firemen were compelled to make two extra trips.

Corunna Hotel Quarantined.

The death of Mrs. Eugene Friend at the Grand Central hotel in Corunna with a disease thought to be diphtheria, caused excitement and fear in Corunna Monday, and the closing and quarantining of the hotel, postoffice and barber shop. The buildings have now all been fumigated and the inmates released and no further cases have developed although several were exposed.

Keep Up the Good Work.

The Council is making every effort possible to prevent the useless accidents great and small, that happen in this and every city. Bicyclists will be asked to keep to the right and ride slowly when using the sidewalks which can be used only when necessary. Teams must be hitched the natural way for starting out on the right side of the road. Dogs must be muzzled and other ordinances lived up to.

Marriage Licenses.

Frank Hill, New Haven Twp. 43
Inez Whitmore, Oakley 39
Geo. Triefel, Orchard, Neb. 24
Pauline Wietzke, Owosso 21
Peter O. Lanz, Bennington 24
Mabel Walton, Shiawassee Twp. 17
Karl Constable, Chicago 28
Hazel Tatso, Owosso 20
Lewis Baker, Durand 24
Jennie Crane, Durand 19
Roy Kegel, Owosso 40
Hattie Damon, Owosso 28
Joseph Michels, New Haven Twp. 23
Agatha Caffo, New Haven Twp. 17

Sad Accident.

Julia, the fifteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Hartman, who lives on the MaNamee farm three miles south of Corunna, was so badly injured Saturday that she lived but a few hours when she fell from the seat of a wagon loaded with hay in such a manner that the front wheel passed over her head. By a sudden jerk of the wagon she was thrown behind the horses which became frightened and starting quickly prevented the girl's rescue. The funeral was held Monday at 10 a. m. at Salem's Lutheran church in this city. Rev. T. G. Hahn officiating.

Young Life Ended.

Reeve H., son of Mr. and Mrs. William Alexander, died at his home, July 12, 1911, after a short illness of acute peritonitis, aged ten years, ten months and two days.

Reeve was born at Valley Home Farm in Owosso township, September 10th, 1900, where he spent the first six years of his life. Since then he has lived in Owosso, where his sunny disposition has endeared him to all. Seldom has a child lived in the community whose life has shed so much sunshine about him, and who has been so generally beloved, as dear little Reeve.

He was a bonnie laddie; a bright, ambitious student, always trying to keep a little in advance of his grade in school. He attended the Emerson school where he was beloved alike by teachers and pupils.

Reeve was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a faithful little worker in the Sunday School, being a member of Mr. Terry's class and president of the class organization.

A bright and pure little life is ended, and the bereaved father, mother, and brother George, have the deepest sympathy of all.

W. E. WASHBURN

To Begin Work September 1st as Deputy Factory Inspector.

Alderman W. E. Washburn is to be appointed a deputy factory inspector under State Commissioner of Labor P. F. Powers and is to begin his new duties September 1st. As yet it is not known just what territory he will be assigned to but it is expected it will be in the central part of the state. Mr. Washburn's long experience as a representative of an accident insurance company has brought him in touch with labor conditions in many factories and this knowledge should be of material assistance to him in the discharge of his new duties. His friends in the city are pleased that he has been selected for this position and believe that he will "make good."

Y. W. C. A. Lecture Course.

The Young Women's Christian Association has arranged for a four-number entertainment course for the coming fall and winter and the numbers are very strongly endorsed by the Bureau with which the contract is made.

The numbers are "The Lyric Glee Club" a vocal and brass quartette that is famous throughout the west, and is making its first tour through Michigan; Chas. Howard Plattenburg, whose "Worms Beneath the Bark" is well worth the cost of the entire course; then comes the Rosini Wagh Concert Party, composed of musical and dramatic artists, and last but by no means least "Mister" Munger. Dwell heavy on the mister. Mister Munger has no peer as a humorist on the platform today. He will teach a lesson of serious import but clothe it with fun and fancy.

Owosso the Ice Cream City

During this hot weather the Connor ice cream factory is about the busiest place in the city. In order to supply the demand for their famous product, they recently found it necessary to install a new freezer of the double disc continuous type and also to purchase something over a thousand new tubs and cans. Despite the fact that their improved facilities enable them to make 150 gallons per hour, they have lately experienced difficulty in filling their orders promptly. Between 1000 and 1500 gallons are shipped out daily to 300 different cities. This means that 120,000 five cent dishes are consumed daily. Fifteen men are employed in the factory and three teams are kept busy delivering the orders. Connor is undoubtedly the largest railroad shipper of ice cream in the state of Michigan.

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

Attended by Seven Persons—Robbins and Stratton Elected Trustees.

The annual meeting of the Union school district on Monday evening drew just seven people—four members of the board, W. E. Hall, J. C. Shattuck, B. S. Sutherland and B. S. Stratton, and three others, J. A. Armstrong, E. O. and G. M. Dewey. These seven men in about as many minutes voted an expenditure amounting to something over \$49,000 for the ensuing school year and authorized the spreading of \$35,000 on the tax rolls. Previous to the meeting over which President W. E. Hall presided, the polls for the election of two trustees had been open from 2 to 8 p. m. and a total of 25 persons had exercised the right of franchise, 24 votes being cast for J. H. Robbins, 21 for B. S. Stratton and five scattering. Messrs. Robbins and Stratton being declared elected for the term of three years. It was one of the shortest school meetings ever held in the district.

The members of the board have a perfect right to feel that the voters of the district are entirely satisfied with the manner in which the affairs of the district have been handled during the past year and with the management of the school. The lack of interest in the meeting can hardly be explained in any other way.

Made District Manager.

W. J. Allen, Owosso manager for the Michigan State Telephone Co., has been made a district manager of a large territory including Shiawassee county. Mr. Allen is deserving of the promotion, having been a faithful and successful local manager.

New Carts for Street Cleaners.

The "white wings" of the city are using new carts and keeping the streets constantly cleaned of dirt and refuse, making it much more sanitary than the old way of scraping in piles and allowing to stand until the wagon came along.

The births in the county for the month of May exceeded the deaths by eight, the former number 49 and the latter 41.

Automobile Speed Law to be Enforced

The council has decided to put a stop to the reckless speeding of automobiles in the city, a move which is approved by many owners of automobiles who have feared that nothing but a serious accident would serve to put a stop to the violation of the law. The action of the council in ordering a motorcycle, so that with a mounted policeman an absolute record can be obtained on the speed of machines, will doubtless result in the law being better observed and if a few arrests are necessary they will be made. It is the intention of the city officials to stop speeding and in this they will have the backing of the public.

WESTERN DRY MILK CO.

Purchases C. A. Connor Co. Creamery Business.

The creamery business of the C. A. Connor Ice Cream Co. has been taken over by the Western Dry Milk Co. The sale includes the machinery used by the former company in the manufacture of butter and gives the Western Co. a first-class outfit with which to carry on the creamery business. This company has been purchasing an increasing amount of milk daily since it opened business in the spring for the manufacture of powdered milk, selling the cream to the Connor Co. That the entire attention of the Connor Co. could be devoted to its growing ice cream trade it was deemed best to give up the creamery business and the Western Dry Milk Co. was in a position to add this branch to its plant. The change will probably be advantageous to both companies and it is expected that each will do a constantly increasing volume of business.

New Police Officer.

Mayor Sprague nominated Wm. F. Sober as a member of the city police force at the meeting of the council Monday evening and the nomination was approved by a unanimous vote. Mr. Sober has been an employee for some months at the power house of the Consumers' Power Co. and is regarded as a reliable man in every way and it is believed he will make an excellent officer. His appointment will permit one officer to be regularly employed as a traffic officer on the main business corners until teamsters, automobilists, bicyclists, learn that the road law of keeping to the right must be observed. At first many were inclined to view this movement as a fad which would last but a few days or weeks but with less than two weeks trial practically everyone admits the success of the undertaking and drivers realize that it is an advantage to them and that the danger of accidents is greatly lessened. It is also very noticeable that the speed of automobiles as they approach the corner of Washington and Main streets has been considerably decreased.

With the additional officer on the force the men will be shifted, doing day work and night work alternately.

ENJOY RIDE TO LANSING

Over New Electric Line—Owosso, Morrice and Perry Go As Guests of Management.

Shortly before noon on Friday last an invitation was extended by N. B. Atwood, representing the Northern Construction Co., and G. F. Faber, representing the M. U. R. lines, to the city officials and a party of business and professional men of the city to take a ride to Lansing as guests of the management of the road. While the notice was short and it was impossible to make the invitation as general as had been wished, still at one o'clock a party of forty gathered and in a short time was well on its way to Morrice, the run of twelve miles to that village being made in 16 minutes. At Morrice and Perry the village officers and business men to the number of sixty joined the crowd, filling the car to the limit. On the return trip the management provided a larger car so that nearly all were comfortably seated for the homeward trip.

The roadbed from this city to Shaftsbury was found to be in excellent shape, equal to that of any in the state, and exclamations of surprise as the smoothness with which the car ran were general. Between Shaftsbury and Haslett the several soft spots in the roadbed which caused the delay in the completion of the road made the running time slower but in the main the new track was found to be good and after the old line from Haslett to Lansing has been put in the shape contemplated by the officials of the road, the line from Lansing to Owosso will rank with the best railroad construction. The trip was enjoyed by all who were fortunate enough to participate and on the arrival of the car in Owosso, Messrs. Atwood and Faber were personally thanked by all.

SHOCKING ACCIDENT

One Killed, Two Injured—Struck by Electric Car at Bad Crossing.

Shortly after 5 o'clock Monday afternoon a buggy in which Mrs. Charles A. Gilna and two children, Mamie, 12 years of age, and Joseph, 10 years, were riding home from a day's berrying was struck by a southbound car on the M. U. R. line at the Richardson crossing two miles south of the city on the town line road, hurling the occupants of the buggy more than 30 feet, killing Mrs. Gilna instantly and seriously injuring both the children. The horse was also killed and the buggy smashed. Whether the accident might have been avoided if an older person than the boy had been driving is an open question, with the weight of evidence apparently in the affirmative. When the boy discovered the approaching car he endeavored to stop the horse, failing to do so he turned the horse into the ditch alongside the track but not quick enough to prevent the car striking the buggy with sufficient force to hurl the occupants of the buggy and the horse against the wire fence, breaking two good sized posts. The car was stopped after going about two car lengths and immediately returned to the city for medical assistance and hurried back with Drs. Cramer and Haviland, who cared for the children and later on brought them to the Miller hospital in this city.

The condition of the daughter has been critical since and the outcome is still problematic. The son is improving and will soon be about again. The witnesses of the accident and the motor-man agree that the whistle was blown as the car approached the crossing, which is a bad one owing to the deep cut and the obstructed view caused by trees and brush, and Motorman Skyring—an experienced man—claims to have given the second warning and applied the air brake as soon as he saw a collision was likely to occur. The car was running at a speed of about 20 miles an hour before an air brake was applied.

Immediately after the accident efforts were made to locate Mr. Gilna, who is employed by the Owosso Sugar Co. as head field man, and when he finally reached the spot the scene which followed was indescribably sad and brought tears to every eye.

Mrs. Gilna was 44 years of age and had resided in this county all her life. Besides her husband she leaves six children, Kate, Louise, Mamie, Joseph, Celia and James; three sisters and a brother also survive her. Funeral services were held at St. Paul's Catholic church Thursday morning, Rev. Fr. P. J. Slane officiating. The deceased was a woman of strong personality, devoted to her husband and children and the crushing sorrow has caused universal sorrow and sympathy for the bereaved ones.

Coroner G. A. Cole summoned a jury and after viewing the scene of the accident adjourned the inquest until Saturday afternoon at the office of Justice Friegel.

VALUABLE PRIZE FOR

Best Sugar Beet—To be Awarded at New York City Next Fall

The sugar beet growers of America will have an opportunity to compete for a \$1,000 prize cup to be awarded at the American Land and Irrigation exposition to be held in New York city next November for the best beets there exhibited. This valuable silver cup is donated by Horace O. Havemeyer, son of the late sugar grower and manufacturer.

While the terms of award for this handsome prize have not been definitely settled, it is the opinion of Mr. Havemeyer and Gilbert McClurg, general manager of the land show, that the beets should be judged on test, 45 points; purity, 15 points; shape, 15 points; weight, 25 points. This basis of award has been arrived at after correspondence with some of the leading growers, sugar beet buyers and agricultural experts, and is not officially decided. The exhibit is to consist of five beets and must be accompanied by a detailed history of how the crop from which the sample was taken was grown and harvested. Growers can secure full information regarding this sugar beet contest from Mr. McClurg. His address is 149 Broadway, New York city.

The American Land and Irrigation exposition to be held in Madison Square Garden next November will be the first "land" show ever held in New York city, the metropolis of America.

Wm. Colwell, aged seventy-five years, died at his home in New Lothrop, Friday, after a short illness. The funeral was held Sunday, Rev. Ostrander officiating.

THROUGH PART OF A LETTER

Jealously in the South Casts a Shadow Over Newly Weds.

HAPPY ENDING IN OWOSSO

Uncle Sam Tells Interesting Story all About the Enterprising Merchants of Our City.

Clara came into the room with a fascinating smile, and pretty dimples, playing hide and go seek on her rosy cheeks, she was going to rush into her husband's arms when she stopped in the middle of the room, repelled by his attitude. He was leaning against the table, with a terrible murderous look on his face; he trembled in every limb; his hands were tightly clinched, and in one hand he clutched a letter.

"Why, Frank. What is the matter? Are you ill?"

"Vile deceiver," snarled Frank, "Pretending to love me while you are preparing to fly to your northern lover who is preparing a home for you. He was too cowardly to sign his name to the letter, but I will find him and kill him."

During this tirade Clara looked more puzzled than angry and at the mention of the word "letter" she looked her husband in the eyes and calmly said, "Give me my letter."

Rectitude shown out of her beautiful eyes and seemed to burn into his brain. He handed her part of a letter. She read it over then sank into a chair and burst into a merry fit of laughter. As soon as she could recover her breath she gasped: "You great big goose, this is only a part of Uncle Sam's letter from Owosso offering to build a house and furnish it for a wedding present. I will read the rest of the letter if you will sit down quietly and behave yourself." Frank sat down in a dazed manner, realizing that he had made a fool of himself.

"Owosso will make an ideal home for you," wrote Uncle Sam. "It possesses more handsome, substantial business blocks than any city of its size in the state, while the assortment of high quality merchandise displayed in the stores ranks Owosso with any city in state. High quality goods at the lowest possible price is a combination hard to beat. A dam is proposed across the Shiawassee river which will give a fall of twenty-four feet. This will provide a water power which will be a great inducement for more manufacturing concerns to make their home in Owosso. The manufacturing at present is extensive. The Owosso Mfg. Co. are the largest makers of screen doors, window screens and potato crates in the world. This concern recently received an order for 1,000,000 crates for shipping onions. There are several large factories turning out furniture of all descriptions. There is an Independent Stove Co., also a large Beet Sugar Factory. Manufacturing Motor Trucks is a new industry and Owosso has her share. The Reliance Motor Truck Co., making heavy trucks and the Owosso Motor Co., turning out light trucks. Besides we have a Carriage and Sleigh Factory and a Canning Factory. The Ann Arbor R. R. maintain their car shops here and carry 400 men on their pay roll. Shiawassee county is the richest and most productive county in the state. Michigan furnishes fifty-five per cent of the beans of the country and Shiawassee is one of the banner counties of Michigan. The soil is fertile and they can raise anything in this county from umbrellas to alfalfa. The prosperity of the farmers may be found in the fact that the price of farm land is \$100 per acre and upward. As you drive through the county, you will find handsome farm houses, substantial barns, well kept lawns, fruitful orchards, luxuriant yield of grasses, grain, vegetables and happy contented people. A few weeks after this tragic episode, the newly weds arrived in Owosso and were entertained at Uncle Sam's house. "I have bought a lot for the new house," said Uncle Sam, "through the leading REAL ESTATE and FIRE INSURANCE AGENCY in Owosso, PHILLIPS & WRIGHT, 106 E. MAIN STREET. They are conceded to be the best judges of the value of city and county property in Shiawassee county. They understand the adaptability of each farm and its exact value. They have sold more farms than any other real estate dealer in the county. They

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STATE REWARD ROADS.

Each Step Outlined—Rolling Should be More Thorough—Good Gravel and Drainage Essential.

In view of the recent discussion as to better roads about the county and particularly from this city, the following extracts from the law will be of interest. The specifications refer to what are known as class B, gravel state reward roads, the state paying \$500 per mile, and are to be found in section two chapter five of act number 283 of the public acts of 1909.

If the work is to be done by contract, write the State Highway Department for blank forms for bids, contracts and bonds. They will be furnished without charge.

GRADING—The roadway shall be graded so as to strictly conform to plans and specifications for the road in question, heretofore submitted to and approved by the State Highway Commissioner. The finished road shall not be less than eighteen feet between and exclusive of side ditches or gutters and have a cross-section oval in form, with an average rise of one inch to the foot from the inner edge of such ditch or gutter to the center line of the road. Eighteen feet is too narrow for the roadways of heavily traveled roads, and the State Highway Department recommends that turnpikes be made from twenty to twenty-four feet wide where the travel is heavy.

For more details as to the manner of forming grades and ditches see act on page 73.

DRAINAGE—The side ditches and gutters shall be of such size as the drainage requirements of the local demand and must be formed with true grades, having sufficient incline to furnish a free and uniform flow of water to the nearest natural outlets, which outlets must be so improved, where necessary, as to carry the water quickly away from the highway. The inner slope of the ditches shall not be steeper than two horizontal to one vertical, and the outer slope shall be not steeper than one and one-half horizontal to one vertical.

The drains shall be laid where needed at such places and of such kind, size and on such grades as may be shown on the plans.

In clay soils trenches shall be cut through the shoulders described in the

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Corunna Old Young Folks.

Corunna, July 12.—One of the most pleasant banquets ever given in the history of the Old Young Folks society was held on the lawn of Clark D. Smith home Tuesday afternoon. Up to noon it had not been decided where to hold the banquet, as on account of illness at the hotel it was thought best to deviate from the usual rule. The old Commercial hotel was not suitable, the casino would not do, but on the invitation of Mr. Smith tables were hurriedly placed on his lawn and the food which was cooked at the hotel was served by the hotel table waiters.

The refreshments which were served were very much enjoyed and after the bountiful repast the following program was carried out. Mrs. Ella Keith was the toastmistress. A talk on "Sincerity" was enjoyed by the members, the music was rendered by Satterlee's orchestra of Owosso. "Our Luncheon" was ably handled by Mrs. Ella Betts of Detroit. More music by the orchestra. "Reflections on our Twelfth Birthday," was a historic oration given by F. E. McCall of New York, and was the banner talk of the afternoon. The program was concluded with music.

The following officers were elected to serve the next three years when they will meet again: Frank Jones, president; Frank H. D. Church, vice president; Frank Millard, secretary; Chas. Peacock, treasurer; Mrs. Elton Pond, toastmistress, and Mrs. W. Gale, historian.

There were thirty-nine present among whom were Mrs. Ella Keith, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Peacock, Frank Millard, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. John T. McCurdy, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Pond and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Leland, all of Corunna; F. A. Jones, Flint; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gale, Fowlerville; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shuttlesworth, Lansing; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Carland, Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. F. E. McCall, New York; Mrs. J. E. Merrill, Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Betts, Detroit; Chas. Shuttlesworth of Corunna.

Wednesday afternoon a picnic dinner was served at McCurdy park at 1 o'clock and this evening a social session will be given at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Crum of Owosso. Thursday will be given over for the Old Folks to make calls on the younger generation and to take in the sights and prepare for their journey home.